

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-12, and 14 are pending in this application.

\$102 and \$103 Rejections

Claims 1, 7-8, 10-12, and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai et al. (Published U.S. application 2003/0012550). Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Lenihan et al. (U.S. Patent 6,169,843). Claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Lenihan and Nakatani et al. (U.S. Patent 6,118,924).

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 7, 8, 10-12, and 14) are patentable over Sakai, Lenihan, and Nakatani (collectively "the cited references").

Applicants' independent claims now recite that "the playlist is classified into two types, a real playlist and a virtual playlist, the playlist including a reference to clip information for the Bridge Clip AV stream is the virtual playlist, the playlist indicating address information of a file for the clip information of the Bridge Clip AV stream, and the clip information for the Bridge Clip AV stream indicating at least one relationship between a time stamp of an access point in the Bridge Clip AV stream and an address of the Bridge Clip AV stream, when the real playlist is erased the data of the stream portion of the clip it is referencing is also erased, and when the virtual playlist is erased the contents of the clip it is referencing are in no way changed." Supporting disclosure for the quoted recitation can be found in the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0166]-[0170].

None of the cited references discloses the quoted recitation. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 1, 7, 8, 10-12, and 14 are patentable over the cited references - taken either individually or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicants believe that dependent claims 2-6 are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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